



City of Marietta

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Meeting Minutes BOARD OF LIGHTS AND WATER

Steve "Thunder" Tumlin, Chairman
Mike Wilson, Vice Chairman
Bruce E. Coyle
Terry G. Lee
Alice Summerour
Brian Torras
Andy Morris

Monday, January 11, 2021

12:00 PM

City Council Chambers

Presiding: R. Steve Tumlin
Present: Terry G. Lee, Mike Wilson, Brian Torras, Alice Summerour, Bruce Coyle and Andy Morris

Also Present:
Ron Mull, BLW General Manager
Bill Bruton, City Manager
Kevin Moore, Board Attorney
Stephanie Guy, Board Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman R. Steve Tumlin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Chairman Tumlin called upon Board member Terry Lee to give the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone was asked to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. MINUTES:

20210019 Regular Meeting - December 7, 2020

Review and approval of December 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

The motion was made by Board member Summerour, seconded by Board member Torras, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

II. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

III. SCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

IV. BLW OPERATING DEPARTMENTS:

Customer Care:

Electrical:

20210045 American Public Power Association (APPA) Mutual Aid Recognition

Report on recognition that Marietta Power received from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for mutual aid provided to Lafayette, Louisiana.

Reported

Marketing:

Information Technology (IT):

Water & Sewer:

20210037 Sewer Easement Encroachment/ 560 Webb Industrial Drive

Consideration of request to grant a variance from BLW Policy and Procedure No. 5.11, Easement Encroachments, provided property owner signs the standard BLW Sewer Easement/ Hold Harmless agreement.

The motion was made by Board member Lee, seconded by Board member Torras, that this matter be Tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Tabled

20210021 Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority

Monthly Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority report.

Received and Filed

V. CENTRALIZED SUPPORT:

Finance:

20210033 BLW Finance

Review of BLW Finance reports for December 2020.

Reported

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

20210022 Audit Committee

Audit Committee Chair Mike Wilson to report on the January 11, 2021 committee meeting.

Chairman Wilson gave a report on the Audit Committee meeting.

The Committee recommends a motion to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2020 MBLW Audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20200999 Budget/ Rates Committee

Committee Chair Terry Lee to provide report from January 11, 2021 Budget/ Rates Committee meeting.

Chairman Lee gave a report on the Budget/Rates Committee meeting.

Reported

20200908 Budget/ Rates Committee - 2021 Water Rates

Consideration of recommendation from the Budget/ Rates Committee regarding 2021 water rates. Incorporation of any recommended changes to BLW Policy and Procedures No. 3.20, Water Service Rates, and No. 3.24, Water Monthly Minimums, which are attached, as per Board decision.

Motion to approve the recommendation by the Budget/ Rates Committee to increase the 2021 water rates by 2.5% effective February 1, 2021.

The motion was made by Board member Coyle, seconded by Board member Torras, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 Approved
Voting Against: Mike Wilson

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

20210023 2021 Board Vice Chair

Election of 2021 Vice Chairperson of the Marietta Board of Lights and Water.

Motion to elect Brian Torras as the 2021 Vice Chairperson of the Marietta Board of Lights and Water.

The motion was made by Board member Lee, seconded by Board member Summerour, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20210024 2021 Board Committee Assignments

Board Committee Assignments for 2021.

Discussion was held. There was general agreement to add a fourth Board member to each Committee and to add the Mayor as an Ex-Officio member to the Audit and Governance Committees.

Motion to approve the 2021 Board Committee Assignments, as amended.

Audit Committee: Mike Wilson, Chair, Brian Torras, Vice Chair, Alice Summerour and Council Representative or Mayor as an Ex-Officio committee member

Budget/Rates Committee: Terry G. Lee, Chair, Bruce Coyle, Vice Chair, Mike Wilson and Council Representative or Mayor as an Ex-Officio committee member

Governance, Strategic & Long-Range Planning Committee: Bruce Coyle, Chair Alice Summerour, Vice Chair, Brian Torras and Council Representative or Mayor as an Ex-Officio committee member

The motion was made by Board member Wilson, seconded by Board member Summerour, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20210025 MEAG Business Report

There was no Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) regular Board meeting during the month of December 2020.

Reported

VIII. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

20210026 BLW Board Strategic Business Plan 2020/ Objective 4A

Deliverable for BLW Board Strategic Business Plan 2020, Objective 4A: The Board will annually review and evaluate written policies governing its financial management. These policies cover such areas as: Revenue requirements, Reserves, Debt, Rates, and charges for services. Board members will have a month to review the policies and make any recommended edits to the General Manager Ron Mull prior to the February 8, 2021 Board meeting.

Motion to amend Policy #5 of the Strategic Business Plan relative to the Board Committees, by adding a fourth Board member to each Committee with a Council Representative or Mayor added as an Ex Officio committee member.

The motion was made by Board member Coyle, seconded by Board member Wilson, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20210027 Board Strategic Business Plan 2021

Review of the proposed Board Strategic Business Plan for 2021. Board members will have a month to review the plan and make any recommended edits to the General Manager Ron Mull prior to the February 8, 2021 Board meeting.

Discussed

IX. OTHER BUSINESS:

X. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (at the Board's discretion):

20210028 Executive Session

Executive Session to discuss personnel, legal, and/ or real estate matters.

A motion was made in open session by Board member Lee, seconded by Board member Torras, to enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Approved

The Executive Session was held.

A motion was made in open session by Board member Morris, seconded by Council member Coyle, to exit the Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Approved

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Approved by City Council:

Date: January 13, 2021

R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor

Attest: _____
Stephanie Guy, City Clerk

Approved by Board of Lights and Water:

Date: _____

R. Steve Tumlin, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stephanie Guy, City Clerk